GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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ATROCITIES ON WEAKER SECTION
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the statement made by the Chairman of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission in the State of Andhra Pradesh in which he has said that one incident of atrocity on downtrodden is taking place at every six hour;

(b) if so, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action at national level to render help and protection to weaker sections of the society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes hasinformed that no such statement was made by the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) Dose not arise.

(c) & (d) Two special central legislations viz. the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 andthe Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 for eradicating practice of untouchability in any form and preventing atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by persons other than Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection ofCivil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis and to Union Territory Administration on 100% basis, for effective implementation of the Acts, provision of legal aid, appointment of officers for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecution, setting up Special Cells, Special Courts, conducting periodic surveys, identification of atrocity prone areas and providing relief and rehabilitation to victims/dependents of atrocity victims.